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1. ARAB REACTION TO BEGIN-SADAT MEETING --

EGYPTIAN ARE PLEASED SADAT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL WENT AS WELL AS IT DID AND THAT DESPITE THREATS THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE DIRECTED AGAINST THEM HERE IN NEW YORK. THEY BELIEVE SADAT'S SPEECH TO KNESSET WAS A FULL AND FORCEFUL EXPOSITION OF THE ARAB POSITION, THEIR LATEST WORD IS THAT EVEN RADICAL ARAB DELS ARE MODERATING THEIR POSITIONS ON SADAT'S VISIT, AND AS RESULT THEY DO NOT EXPECT ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT SADAT DURING GA MIDDLE EAST DEBATE. INITIAL PLO REACTION WAS HARSHLY CRITICAL, BUT SINCE KNESSET STATEMENT THE PLO IS REPORTED TO BE REVISING ITS STATEMENT. SAUDI ARABIAN AMB AL-HUSSAINY SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT NOW THAT ALL ARAB STATES "DO NOTHING THAT WILL DETRACT FROM SADAT'S STRENGTH," ADDING THAT EARLY CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD BE TEST OF WHETHER SADAT'S EXTRAORDINARY DECISION TO GO TO JERUSALEM WAS WORTHWHILE. (CONFIDENTIAL-- USUN 4870)

2. SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST --

GA DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NOV. 22, AND APPROXIMATELY 35 SPEAKERS ALREADY INSCRIBED. ONLY SYRIA, JORDAN, POLAND AND ANGOLA ARE LISTED FOR NOV. 22. THUS FAR, EGYPT AND ISRAEL ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK NOV. 23, AND US TENTATIVELY INSCRIBED FOR NOV. 24 ALONG WITH 14 OTHER SPEAKERS.
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ARAB GROUP HAS PREPARED A DRAFT RESOLUTION, APPARENTLY AN EARLY VERSION AND SUBJECT TO REVISION, WHICH WOULD INTER ALIA CONDEMN ISRAELI OCCUPATION; CALL ANEW FOR EARLY CONVENING OF PEACE CONFERENCE UNDER AUSPICES OF UN AND USSR AND US CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING PLO; URGE THAT PARTIAL SOLUTION BE AVOIDED; REQUEST THE SC TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF RELEVANT UN RSOLUTIONS AND REQUEST THE SYG TO FOLLOW UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 4881, 4891)

3. COMMITTEE ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS --

ALGERIANS CONFIRMED THAT THE PLO AND OTHERS AGREED TO DROP THE IDEA OF A CENTER FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS IN FAVOR OF SIMPLY INCREASING STAFF OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. ADDITIONAL ONE OR TWO MEMBERS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN UNIT UNDER USYG SHEVCHENKO'S (SOVIET NATIONAL) DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS. (CONFIDENTIAL-- USUN 4886)

4. ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES --

SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL CONCLUDE THIS WEEK DEBATE ON FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS: GENEVA CONVENTION, OMNIBUS, AND QUNEITRA. EGYPTIAN MISSION INFORMED USUN ARAB GROUP MEET LAST WEEK ON THESE THREE RESOLUTIONS. QUENITA RESOLUTION WILL BE SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S BUT MAY GO SOMEWHAT FURTHER IN CRITICIIZING ISRAEL. OMNIBUS RESOLUTION WILL FOLLOW PATTERN OF LAST YEAR'S AND UNQUESTIONABLY EVOKE A US NEGATIVE NOTE. GENEVA CONVENTION RESOLUTION SAME AS LAST YEAR'S EXCEPT FOR OP PARA 2 WHICH NOW BEGINS "STRONGLY DEPLORES", EGYPTIAN DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY HOPE OF DELETING "STRONGLY".

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USDEL TOLD SIBAHI (SYRIA) THAT THE PHRASE IN TWO RESOLUTIONS ON ISRAELI PRACTICES, WHICH WOULD MAKE ISRAELI CITIZENS SUBJECT TO ARREST AND TRIAL IN SYRIA OR ANY OTHER SIGNATORY TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION, WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO US AND WOULD ALTER US VOTE FROM ABSTENTION TO "NO" AND PROBABLY HAVE SAME EFFECT ON EUROPEANS AND OTHERS. SIBAHI SAID WE WERE GIVEN DRAFTS IN ADVANCE TO SEEK OUR PRELIMINARY RE-ACTIONS, AND HE PROMISED TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH USDEL.

DROZDOV (USSR) IN HIS STATEMENT OMITTED ANY REFERENCE TO THE PLO OR EVEN TO PALESTINIANS IN HIS SPEECH. HE REFERRED RATHER TO "ARAB POPULATIONS" OR TO THE "POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES". DROZDOV DECLARED USSR, WOULD

CONTINUE TO DO ITS "UTMOST" TO SUPPORT THE "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF ALL STATES AND PEOPLES OF THE AREA" AND TO THAT END PROMOTE THE CONVENING OF GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 4857, 4889, 4865)

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5. SECURITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE --

IN INFORMAL MEETING NOV. 21, SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DISCUSSED SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF NOV. ANNUAL REPORT OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES WILL BE TAKEN UP IN A CLOSED MEETING NOV. 25; DEBATE ON BENIN NOV. 22; QUESTION OF EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA HELD OFF TILL DEC. TO BE HANDLED BY INCOMING SC PRESIDENT (MAURITIUS); NO DECISION RE UNDOF SINCE SYG INDICATED HE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARTIES INVOLVED. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE-- USUN 4880)

6. CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS --

ON CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS, MISOFF MET WITH CYPRUS MISSION COUNSELOR SHERIFIS AND HE CONVEYED OUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOC PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WORKING PAPER, NOTING THAT COMMITTEE 3 RESOLUTION WAS COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION. MISOFF MENTIONED IN GENERAL OUTLINE TO SHERIFIS HOW THE PARTIES MIGHT ATTEMPT TO BRIDGE THE NOW CONSIDERABLE GAPS IN POSITIONS. GOC ASSESSMENT WAS THAT TURKEY'S EFFORTS ON WORKING PAPER WERE TO PRODUCE A COMMITTEE THAT WOULD READILY COME TO A DEADLOCK AND COULD NOT CONDUCT USEFUL INVESTIGATIONS INTO MISSING PERSONS. IN LATER MEETING WITH CELIK AND TURKMEN, CELIK SAID AGREEMENT ON THE WORKING PAPER COULD PAVE THE WAY TO A SMOOTH UNFICYP RENEWAL NEXT MONTH IN THE SC. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 4890)

7. NAMIBIA --

JAPANESE POLCOUNS ONDA MET WITH MISOFF TO HEAR BRIEFING ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA. AT CONCLUSION OF BRIEFING, CONFIDENTIAL

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ONDA SAID THAT JAPANESE MISSION THINKING SERIOUSLY OF RECOMMENDING TO TOKYO THAT JAPAN "OFFER TO PARTICIPATE" IN NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT. ONDA HAD IN MIND, FOR EXAMPLE, AN OFFER OF JAPANESE CIVILIANS AS PART OF A UN MONITORING

FORCE, PERHAPS HELP WOULD BE NEEDED TO STAFF THE SYG
REP IN NAMIBIA, OR TO MAN PARTS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE
IN NAMIBIA DURING TRANSITION, OR TO ASSIST IN THE
ELECTION PROCESS ITSELF. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 4885)

8. ANGOLAN REPLY TO CONTACT GROUP --

ANGOLANS INFORMED WESTERN FIVE MISSIONS THAT IT
WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR
WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP WHILE THE PARTY CONGRESS IS
TAKING PLACE, THEY WOULD KNOW WITHIN TWO DAYS WHEN IT WILL
END, AND AS SOON AS CONGRESS CONCLUDES ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT
WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE WESTERN FIVE DELEGATION.
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9. DISARMAMENT --

USDEL PLAYED BACKSTAGE ROLE MEETING WITH PAKSTANIS
AND LATER WITH FINNS (ALONG WITH UK AND USSR) BEFORE VOTE
ON FINNISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR
ENERGY IN ATTEMPT TO MODERATE PAKISTANI OPPOSITION. MODIFI-
CATIONS WHICH EMERGED MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR USDEL TO JOIN
LARGE MAJORITY IN VOTING FOR THE RESOLUTION.

ROCKY PATH TRAVELED THIS YEAR BY TWO COMMITTEE 1 RESOLUTIONS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS -- BELGIAN DRAFT ON REGIONAL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT AND JAPANESE DRAFT ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS -- SEEMS TO REFLECT CONTINUING SITUATION IN WHICH SUPPORT IS LIMITED AND LUKEWARM WHILE OPPOSITION IS BROADER AND MORE INTENSE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 4883, 4887)

10. NEW ITEM ON OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE AND SECURITY --

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NEW ITEM PROPOSED FOR CURRENT GA ON DRAFT CODE OF OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE AND SECURITY OF MANKIND HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY BARBADOS, FIJI, MEXICO, NIGERIA, PANAMA, PHILIPPINES AND SYRIA. IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT MOTIVATED CO-SPONSORS TO COME UP WITH THIS ITEM OF LESS THAN NOVEL NATURE AT THIS STAGE OF PROCEEDINGS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 4869)

11. COMMITTEE 5 ITEMS --

WEO'S GENERALLY SUPPORT CONTINUING COMMITTEE ON UN'S FINANCIAL EMERGENCY. REGARDING UNEF/KNDOF, THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT TROOP CONTRIBUTOR COUNTRIES MAY COMPLAIN VERY LOUDLY IN COMMITTEE 5 OVER SYG PROPOSAL TO HOLD REIMBURSEMENTS TO \$680 FOR OFFICERS AND \$200 BONUS FOR SPECIALISTS. WEO'S ARE DIVIDED OVER ISSUE OF FULL VS SEMI-FULL BUDGETING. SOME REGARD LATTER AS OPEN INVITATION TO SECRETARIAT TO RETURN FOR FULL INFLATION ALLOWANCE AT MID-POINT IN UN BUDGET BIENNium. IN ADDITION, AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION IS LEADING SMALL CAMPAIGN, AGAINST STAUNCH OPPOSITION OF ACABQ MEMBERS IN WEOG, TO PROPOSE A GENERAL, ACCROSS-THE-BOARD REDUCTION IN PROGRAM BUDGET -- POSSIBLE IN INFLATION ALLOWANCE -- AS FINAL ACT OF COMMITTEE 5. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN4859)

12. CHILE REPORT --

MISOFF LEARNED THAT ALLANA WILL PRESENT HIS REPORT TO COMMITTEE 3 ON CHILE NOV 23, AND WAS ASSURED REPORT WILL BE "MILD." USYG BUFFMAN PREPARED AN OPTION PAPER FOR SYG SUGGESTING AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT SYG NAME A DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL FIGURE TO BE HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO CHILE. (CONFIDENTIAL--USUN 4867)

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13. ICJ CANDIDACY --

USUN RECEIVED NOTE FROM MEXICAN MISSION INFORMING US
OF CANDIDACY OF GOMEZ ROBLEDO FOR ICJ IN 1978.

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